Low cost housing for urban poor

1089. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether after devising several housing schemes for rural masses, Government plans to go flat out in promoting low-cost housing for the urban poor and is also in the process of formulating an interest subsidy scheme for them;

(b) if so, whether her Ministry has also held discussion with the banks and Housing Financing Companies (HFCs) in Mumbai to sensitize them on the issue of low-cost dwelling units for economically weaker sections in the urban areas; and

(c) if so, by what time the final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) A provision of Rs. 30 crores has been made in the Budget for the year 2007-08 of this Ministry for Interest Subsidy Scheme for Housing the Urban Poor.

(b) and (c) A National Conference on "Affordable Housing for All" was organized in Mumbai on 1st and 2nd June, 2007 by the Government in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to address the issues and problems relating to Housing Sector of the country. The inputs received in the Conference have been incorporated in the draft National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy, 2007.

Houses for lower income groups

1090. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a study conducted by a group comprising social scientists, statisticians and experts from the housing sector as well as Planning Commission, put the lower income group housing shortage at 2.89 million, 11.7 per cent of the total homes;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government and how for Government has undertaken steps to bridge the gap between demand and in providing homes to lower income group people in the country;

(c) the shortfall in the middle income group housing sector;

(d) whether Government has formulated any policy to provide houses to lower income group people within a time frame; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) The Technical Group (11th Five Year Plan: 2007-2012) on estimation of urban housing shortage has estimated urban housing shortage as 2.89 million dwelling units for the Lower Income Group (LIG) out of total urban housing